

Protecting Community Character: The CLG Program in SC



State Historic Preservation Office
SC Department of Archives & History

Historic buildings face many threats...



Look what can happen:



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Look what can *also* happen:



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So *what* can we do?

- Local Designation
- Overlay Zoning
- Architectural Review



What are Certified Local Governments (CLGs)?

- Established in National Historic Preservation Act.
- A partnership between local governments, state preservation offices, and the National Park Service.



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- Recognizes communities that have taken responsibility for protecting their historic properties.



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- Requirements:
 - Establish a local preservation program
 - Adopt a preservation ordinance
 - Appoint a qualified board of architectural review
 - Maintain an inventory of historic properties
 - Encourage public participation



Benefits of CLG status in SC

- Historic preservation fund grant money set aside for CLGs, usually \$50,000 - \$60,000. Can use these funds for "bricks & mortar" projects as well as planning projects like surveys, design guidelines, educational publications, feasibility studies.



Benefits of CLG status in SC



- Networking, training and information sharing with other CLGs, SHPO, NPS.
- Comment on National Register nominations from the community.
- Participate in statewide preservation planning

How to become a CLG

- Submit application to SHPO.
- If meet the requirements, SHPO sends a certification agreement for chief elected official to sign.
- SHPO sends signed agreement and a letter requesting certification to National Park Service.
- If NPS concurs, the local government is certified.
- File annual reports.



South Carolina's CLG Communities

Abbeville	Columbia	McCormick
Aiken	Conway	Mount Pleasant
Anderson	Darlington	Rock Hill
Beaufort	Dillon	Seneca
Bennettsville	Fort Mill	Spartanburg
Bluffton	Georgetown	Sumter
Blythewood	Greenville	York
Charleston	Greer	
Cheraw	Horry Co.	
Chester	Laurens	
Chesterfield	Lexington	
	McClellanville	

* Certified Local Governments as of September 2010